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is adoption of the Jensen amendment to LB 551. All in favor vote aye; those opposed, nay. We're voting on adoption of the Jensen amendment, AM1113, which is an amendment to LB 551. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Jensen's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: AM1113 has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, next motion.

CLERK: Senator Jensen would move to amend with AM1122. (Legislative Journal page 1139.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, to open on AM1122.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. LB...or AM1122 contains provisions of LB 177 as amended by the Health and Human Services Committee relating to the licensure of alcohol and drug counselors. The amendment deletes a requirement that psychologists and physicians who serve as practical training supervisors for persons seeking provisional license as an alcohol or drug counselor, Section 71-1,356, or as clinical supervisors for supervised clinical work experience required for licensure as an alcohol or drug counselor, Section 71-1,358, to have a specialized training in alcohol or drug counselling and the 12 core functions sufficient to protect the public. The amendment requires that psychologists and physicians who serve as practical training supervisors or as clinical supervisors have sufficient training as determined by the Board of Medicine and Surgery for physicians or the Board of Psychologists for psychologists in consultation with the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling, and adopted and promulgated by the Department in rules and regulations. The committee amendment to LB 177 was intended to recognize the necessity of having qualified persons to supervise persons seeking licensure as an alcohol and drug counselor. It also recognizes the autonomy and uniqueness of the various professional boards in overseeing practitioners of that profession. It recognizes that the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors...Counseling has a legitimate interest in the qualifications of psychologists and psychiatrists who are going